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RE: Municipal Reporting Burden

Dear Heads of Council,

As you have heard me say, reducing the provincial reporting burden affecting the municipal sector is a priority for the government. I addressed municipal concerns about the reporting burden at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa this past summer. I have heard from municipalities that the province asks for too many reports, which impacts the ability of municipalities to focus on local priorities.

I have struck a team in my ministry to lead the reduction of the municipal reporting burden across government. In addition to reducing the number of reports, we must make sure any remaining information collected is necessary for the province's work. We must confirm the information requested is not duplicative, and that the reporting requirements for small municipalities are appropriate.

To address these goals, my ministry will be convening a cross-government working group to bring together ministries with municipal reporting requirements. This group will be tasked with reducing reporting and undertaking the work to meet the aforementioned commitments.

In addition to our cross-government working group, in 2018, my team will be convening a stakeholder working group of various municipal associations with a shared common interest in municipal reporting requirements.

I invite you to share your thoughts on what changes can be made to municipal reporting directly to my office, as well.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Clark'.

Steve Clark
Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Laurie LeBlanc, Deputy Minister, MMAH